

# GOYNES BROTHERS INDICTED

## 56 Pct. of U. S. A. Reside in Cities; Trend Is Slower

Gain Over Country Less  
Than in 1920 or 1910,  
Census Shows

## 30 YEARS' RECORD

Since 1900 Cities Gained  
121 Per Cent—Country  
Only 19 Per Cent

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Census Bureau announced Monday that the urban population of the United States is 68,955,521.

The rural population is 53,819,525. The Census Bureau announcement gave the population of Arkansas as follows: Urban 322,878; rural 1,471,604. The 1930 federal census shows that 56 per cent of the American population live in cities and towns. This is a gain of 47 per cent in urban population over rural since 1920.

Cities Slow Down  
The growth of the cities at the expense of the country continues, but at a less rapid rate the last ten years than formerly.

Urban population in 1920 was 51.4 per cent of the entire population. It had gained 5.6 per cent since 1910, when the cities and towns represented only 45.8 per cent of the entire country.

In 1920 the population was 54,304,000 for the cities, and 51,406,000 for the country. In 1910 it was 42,166,000 for the towns, and 49,806,000 for the country.

Neither of the last two 10-year periods equalled the record for city growth, however, shown at the close of the 1910 census. In 1900 the urban population was only 39 per cent of the entire nation, but by 1910 it had gained 4.9 per cent, to be 43.9 per cent of all the population.

From 1900 to 1910  
The urban population in 1900 was only 30,700,000, while the rural population was 45,200,000.

In the last 30 years the urban population of the United States has advanced from 30,700,000 to 68,955,000—a gain of 121 per cent.

In the same period, the rural population has advanced from 45,200,000 to 53,819,000 a gain of only 19 per cent.

## Christmas Party Ready at Stores

650 Industrial Employees  
to Get Presents This  
Wednesday

Four additional business houses co-operating in the community Christmas party for industrial employees Wednesday are:

Scott Stores, Webb's Newsstand, Gorham & Gossnell, and Arkansas Printing & Stationery.

Fifty local stores and business houses are donating 650 gifts—one each for all the factory and plant workers of the city.

Most of the industrial plants are splitting their pay rolls in order to give an additional pay-day Christmas Eve.

Cards entitling each industrial employee to a gift, with individual store names, are being distributed at the various plants. Christmas eve the plant workers will come to town to get these presents.

Holiday trade greatly increased last Saturday, and the city has rapidly taken on a Christmas air.

## Disbarment Term Modified In Court

Harney McGehee, of Van  
Buren to Become Prosec-  
cuting Attorney Jan. 1

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—An order disbarring Harney McGehee, of Van Buren, was modified by the Supreme Court Monday, to permit him to function as prosecuting attorney, when he takes office on January 1.

McGehee was permanently disbarred from the practice of law in Pulaski county, but the Supreme Court reduced the disbarment to one year.

Monday the terms of his disbarment was further modified in a petition for reinstatement.

McGehee was recently elected prosecuting attorney in Crawford county.

Still Held Monacle  
BERLIN.—(AP)—When the body of Captain Waldemar Krahn, former prominent naval officer, was found with a bullet through the head, his monacle was still in his eye.

## Prizes Wednesday

The prize-winning homes in The Star's Christmas decoration contest will be chosen Tuesday and prize-checks will be handed to the winners Wednesday—before Christmas.

The Star will ask three Hope women to be the judges, and will conduct a tour of the city, inspecting all decorated homes as they appear from the street. No one will be interviewed. The contest depends entirely on exterior house or yard decorations, of Christmas trees, holly, lights, etc. Special consideration will be given to originality of design and this will count more than the mere expenditure of money.

The Judge will be asked to turn in their report Wednesday morning, and checks will be given to the winners personally at once. First prize will be \$5; second \$3, and third \$2.

## Car Stolen From Sheriff Returned

Sheriff McRae Parks Car  
Near Post Office  
Saturday

A car belonging to Sheriff Dorsey McRae was recovered and returned to him Monday, being located near the Tunstall gin, on the Hope and Patmos road, about six miles south of Hope.

The car was found stuck in the mud where it had been abandoned, and was reported to the sheriff's office by P. L. Aslin. The car was taken from its parking place in front of the postoffice Saturday afternoon.

## Highway Dinner Is Held Saturday

Forty From Nine South  
Arkansas Counties in  
Attendance

The annual dinner of the Maintenance Employees of the State Highway Department was held Saturday noon in the banquet room of the Hotel Barlow.

About 40 men were present, representing nine counties in Southwest Arkansas. Mr. Charles C. Christian, Chief Engineer of the Highway Department from Little Rock was the principal speaker. He stressed the vital importance of proper maintenance of our highways, and of the men who do this work, called attention to our duty to the public to make every effort to hasten the improvements which increase safety. Other speakers were: District Engineer R. B. Stanford of Hope, W. E. Kinard, Maintenance Supervisor, Brown Arnold of Arkadelphia, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, and many others.

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## Big Philadelphia Bank Is Suspended

Bankers Trust and Its 19  
City Branches Had  
45 Millions

PHILADELPHIA.—(AP)—The Bankers Trust company and its 19 branches, all in this city, closed today on the order of Peter G. Cameron, state banking secretary.

Withdrawal of deposits the last few days was given as the reason for the closing, by Samuel H. Barker, vice-president of the bank. Mr. Barker said the bank was solvent, but harassed by continued withdrawals.

On its last statement to the banking department of Pennsylvania the bank showed deposits of \$45,000,000. This is the second city-branch banking failure to shake the East this month. Two weeks ago the Bank of the United States, a New York state chartered institution, collapsed in New York City, closing 60 branches, all in the metropolitan area, with combined deposits of \$202,000,000.

Miami Bank Closes  
M.I.A.M.I.—(AP)—Announcement was made Monday morning of the closing of the City National Bank of Miami, the second largest financial institution here. The announcement by the board of directors said that malicious rumors brought about heavy withdrawals.

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Murder Charge Filed  
Against Texas Negro

NACOGDOCHES, Tex.—(AP)—Murder charges were lodged Sunday against Sugart Sanders, 17, negro, in connection with the death of Hollis Farney, 15, also a negro, who died after being struck with a piece of lumber at the Pleasant Hill school, 14 miles west of here.

## Boyett Will Run For Re-Election

Mayor Enters Campaign  
For Primary to Be Held  
January 27

R. A. (Ruff) Boyett, completing his third term as mayor of Hope, announced Monday that he would be a candidate for re-election in the Democratic city primary to be held Tuesday, January 27.

Mayor Boyett, who was re-elected to his third term by a majority vote, the combined vote of two opponents in the last city election, said that he would make his next bid on the past performance of the city administration.

"I am asking the people of Hope," he said, "for re-election as mayor of their city on the basis of managing its affairs with efficiency and economy, combined with business foresight as to our future needs."

"Visit your city water and Light plant, and think it over," his statement concluded.

## Several Arrests By Local Officers

Week-End Shop Lifters  
Busy; 1 Arrest on For-  
cible Entering Charge

Tom Green, negro, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Alex Purdie in the J. C. Penny store Saturday afternoon where he was caught shop-lifting, having stolen three women's dresses from that store. He was given a preliminary trial in Justice W. G. Bright's court Monday, charged with grand larceny and was held to await the action of the Hempstead county grand jury. In default of bond he was carried to jail at Washington.

Henry Lawless, negro, was also arrested Saturday afternoon charged with shop-lifting from the Scott store. He is charged with stealing a cap and other articles. He was given a trial before Mayor Ruff Boyett Monday and was ordered fined \$10 and costs. He will "do time" on the street gang.

Henry Wesley, negro, was arrested by Deputy Sheriffs Riley Lewallen and Allen Shipp and Policemen Brice and Monday charged with forcibly entering the Payne Filling Station, located on the Hope-Washington pike. It is alleged that Wesley and two other negroes spent the night in the station on a drunken spree and are charged with breaking up show cases and fixtures. The other two negroes made their escape. Wesley will be given a preliminary trial before Justice W. G. Bright.

## Benton Hospital Project Is Delayed

Benton Man Charges Poli-  
tics and Business Inter-  
ests in Little Rock

BENTON.—(AP)—H. W. Anderson, president of the Benton Chamber of Commerce charged in a statement Monday that politics and "certain business interest along Main street, in Little Rock," were responsible for the delay in awarding the contracts for the first unit of the new state hospital for nervous diseases on the site located near here.

The state construction commission, by a vote of five to four Saturday decided to delay the hospital project on the Benton site, because it was declared that adequate water supply was not now available.

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## Republicans Torn Asunder By Lucas; West Now Bitter

New Mexico Demands He  
Resign For Double-  
Crossing Norris

STORM IS GROWING

Washington Expects Com-  
mittee Chief to Be  
Fired Soon

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Not since the days of the Taft-Roosevelt quarrel in 1912 has the Republican national party been so shattered as by the Admission of Robert S. Lucas, executive director of the national committee, that he spent \$4,000 trying to defeat Senator Norris, Republican of Nebraska, last summer.

Lucas in Trouble  
Mr. Lucas' admission, made Saturday in the chambers where the senate campaign funds investigating committee is sitting, has torn the Republican West wide open. A direct attack upon Senator Norris by Mr. Lucas in Sunday's papers, in which the national committee defended his use of money in the Nebraska campaign, saying that Senator Norris' conduct "has been revolting to true Republicans," was followed Monday by an explosion in the senate itself.

Senator Cutting, Republican of New Mexico, declared "If Robert H. Lucas, latest statement against Senator Norris is not immediately repudiated by those higher up it means the national Republican organization has ceased to exist."

Norris and Lincoln  
"Lucas' statement Sunday," Senator Cutting said, "called on Republicans in the name of Lincoln to throw out of the party the man whose attitude toward national problems is so close to that of Lincoln's than any man in public life today."

Official life in Washington heard demands in many quarters Monday that Lucas be ousted as executive director of the Republican national committee.

## Good Fellow Club Has Total of \$317

Four New Gifts Monday  
on Probably Final Re-  
port of Year

What is probably the final report of the 1930 Good Fellows club showed the fund Monday to have a total of \$317.50—equal to or better than last year's public gifts at Christmas-time.

Four new gifts were reported over the week end. They are:

Previously acknowledged..... \$313.50  
W. F. James..... 1.00  
Mrs. J. K. Briggs..... 1.00  
J. L. Myers..... 1.00  
W. C. Thompson, Washington route 2..... 1.00

Total..... \$317.50

## County Officers in Still Raid Sunday

Three Negroes Arrested at  
Still Located Near  
Shover Springs

County Officers Riley Lewallen, Allen Shipp and Dorsey McRae, Jr., confiscated a 40-gallon capacity copper still in operation Sunday on the Miles Morris farm near Shover Springs. The still was being operated by three negroes who were arrested by the officers.

Phillips Morris, Ocie Lloyd and Zeek Powell were lodged in jail Monday night. Morris was indicted at the special session of the grand jury at Washington Monday morning.

At the scene of the still the raiding officers found two barrels of mash ready to make and one half gallon of whisky.

## Little Rock Man Speaks at Garrett Memorial Church

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## Long Names Her To Direct Fete

Mrs. Byrns Womack, above, of Baton Rouge, La., president of the Louisiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, has been appointed by Governor Huey P. Long to head Louisiana's program in the national movement to observe the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

Ex-Soldier Hurt  
Probably Fatally

Arthur Desaulnier, of  
Rhode Island, Falls Un-  
der Local Freight

A former soldier beating his way across country on a freight train slipped from a box car and was probably fatally injured just west of Hope on the Missouri Pacific at 3 p. m. Monday.

Brought to Josephine Hospital here shortly after 3 o'clock he was found to be Arthur Desaulnier, 36, of Providence, R. I. He carried papers from the U. S. Veterans Bureau at Washington addressed to him at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Desaulnier was terribly mangled, and although still living when brought to the hospital was conceded no chance to live longer than an hour at the most. He fell under the train about a quarter mile west of Hope, and was brought to the city at once.

## President Signs 45-Million Bill For Drouth Area

Hoover Approves Com-  
promise Measure Nearly  
Twice His Estimate

ALSO SIGNS OTHERS

Farm Board Up to 400  
Millions—Its Limit Is  
500 Millions

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Hoover's signature attached to various emergency bills coming to him from congress Saturday and Monday completed hundreds of millions of dollars worth of federal legislation over the week-end.

Most important in the eyes of the South and West was the \$45,000,000 drouth-relief measure which the president signed late Saturday, after some doubt had been expressed as to his attitude toward congress for nearly doubling the administration's recommended figure of \$25,000,000.

The lower figure was offered to the senate agricultural committee by the Department of Agriculture; but when the committee reported it to the senate the sum had been raised to \$60,000,000—and it passed the senate without amendment.

In the house the administration had the house agricultural committee report out a bill for \$30,000,000—raising original amount by \$5,000,000. This bill was voted down by the house, which later on also refused to pass the senate's \$60,000,000 measure. Eventually the house passed the \$45,000,000 bill, forcing a compromise between the two houses of congress. It was this which brought about the \$45,000,000 measure, acceptable to both houses and the president.

On Saturday the president also signed the \$116,000,000 emergency construction bill.

Farm Board Fund  
Monday he signed the bill passed last week by congress appropriating an additional \$150,000,000 to the federal farm board. This measure brings to \$400,000 the board's revolving fund, for which the legal limit is \$500,000,000.

## Life Imprisonment In Shepard Trial

Jury Deliberates Since  
Saturday Afternoon  
at 2 O'clock

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—(AP)—Major Charles A. Shepard, on trial for the past several days, was convicted and given life imprisonment shortly after noon Monday for the poison murder of his wife.

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—(AP)—The jury deliberating the case of Major Charles A. Shepard, Army Medical officer, charged with the poison murder of his wife, was still deadlocked at noon Monday.

The case went to the jury at 2:58 p. m. Saturday.

Shepard and his counsel appeared in the federal court room Sunday afternoon to await the verdict.

The jurors went to dinner apparently in good spirits despite a seeming deadlock and returned in less than two hours to resume their discussion and balloting, which, should it be for conviction with no recommendation for clemency would sentence the 59-year-old army medical officer to death by hanging.

Miss Grace Brandon, the young stenographer, for love of whom the government charged Shepard poisoned his wife, left Saturday night for San Antonio, Texas, where she said she expected to resume her position at Brooks Field, an army post.

Miss Brandon, one of the prosecution's star witnesses in the trial said District Attorney Sardinus M. Brewster had cautioned her not to talk about Major Shepard.

Asked if she had conversed with the defendant while in Kansas City, she replied:

"Oh, no. I promised on my word of honor that I would not talk with him during the trial."

"Do you expect to see him soon," she was asked.

"I don't suppose he will try to see me after all this," the girl replied.

The luggage Miss Brandon took with her did not contain any of the finery or jewelry which Shepard had showed on her prior to his arrest at Denver last March 17. These will remain in the hands of the government as exhibits until the case is disposed of.

E. Schultz, one of the jurors, had a boil on his neck and another on his right cheek. Both were poulticed by fellow jurors as a court order is necessary to bring a physician. Several of the jurors suffered from colds,

## Fatality Results In Auto Accident

Carl B. Halcomb of De-  
light Killed When Car  
Overturns

DELIGHT.—Carl B. Halcomb, aged 25, owner of a meat market here and one of the town's leading business men, was injured fatally about 3 p. m. Monday when the automobile he was driving overturned near Antoine, five miles east of here.

Halcomb was accompanied by Shelton Rhodes, his brother-in-law, and Lloyd Kirkham of Delight. He was said to have been driving at a high rate of speed. The automobile ran into a ditch, after Halcomb, according to witnesses, evidently had lost control. He was taken to the home of a negro nearby, but died two hours later.

He was well-known in this section and had been engaged in business for himself in various capacities since he was aged 12.

Surviving relatives are his mother, Mrs. B. D. Copeland of Delight and three sisters, Mrs. J. H. Lynch of Smackover, and Mrs. Shelton Rhodes and Miss Helen Holcomb both of Delight. Funeral services were held here Monday afternoon.

## Both To Be Tried in Special Court Term Wednesday

Bulletins

DALLAS.—(P)—Jesus Rodriguez, 84, whose body was found Sunday was killed when he plunged 40 feet from a Cotton Belt railway bridge into mud and water beneath the trestle. Physicians said he had been dead about two days.

CONWAY, Ark.—(P)—Miss Verle Wright, daughter of J. H. Wright, was killed in an automobile accident at Scotland, 35 miles north of here on highway 65 Sunday night, and her sister was reported seriously injured according to word received here. Details of the accident were meager, contained in a message to Wright, who departed immediately for the scene of the accident with an ambulance.

Plan Reorganizing  
Saunders Stores

New Project to Be Launch-  
ed Early in February  
Is Announced

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(P)—Plans for reorganization of the Clarence Saunders Stores, Inc., southwider grocery chain, now in receivership, was approved Monday by Federal Judge Anderson at a meeting of the creditors and bankers.

According to an announcement just after the meeting, it is hoped to launch the new project early in February.

Use Explosive to  
Halt Gas Well Fire

Wild Well in Oklahoma  
Balks All Efforts to  
Subdue Blaze

WEWOKA, Okla.—(AP)—Two five quart shots of nitro glycerine failed Sunday to snuff the fire from the wild gas and oil well, the No. 2 A. B. Douglas, which has been belching a column of flame at the outskirts of Wewoka since early Friday.

The shots were placed and fired by the Kinley brothers of Tulsa, professional tamers of oil fires.

It was decided to try a third and heavier shot, probably a ten-quart charge, later.

Snuffing of the fire would solve only one problem. After that the 60,000,000 cubic foot gasser, producing also an estimated 600 or 700 barrels of oil a day, must be capped. Connections damaged by the initial outburst of the well were expected to add to the difficulty.

The shots, heavily sheathed in insulation, were taken in as close as possible to the well and fired by electricity.

Scorning the bulky asbestos suits worn by their assistants, the Kinley brothers, M. M. and Harry, wore only work clothing as protection from the terrific heat of the blazing well. A constant stream of water played on the workers.

After the first ineffective shot, the rotary table, a huge steel cog wheel used to turn the drill bits, was dragged out by cables attached to caterpillar tractors. The flame, which had been diverted in part by the table then shot skyward.

The second shot was fired an hour later with no results. Workers continued to drag out heat-warped steel wreckage that impeded the fire-fighters' efforts.

Little Boy, Eager For Toy,  
Dies in Fire He Started

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Two-year-old William Despairs wanted Santa Claus to bring him a mechanical toy for Christmas.

Lying in bed early Sunday morning, William suddenly had an idea that maybe the toy already was on the Christmas tree downstairs.

His parents had warned him to keep away from the tree until Christmas but he wanted the toy so badly he determined to have a look.

So he stole downstairs, obtained a box of matches, struck one of them and there was the toy on the tree.

Enthralled by what he saw, William struck other matches and one of them set fire to the tree and flames spread throughout the room.

When firemen extinguished the blaze they found the child burned to death.

Officials in Oregon to  
Sell Newspapers Monday

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Led by Governor A. W. Norblad, prominent citizens Monday will return to their boyhood pursuits, and hawk newspapers on downtown street corners.

Regular newsmen will desert their stands in favor of their substitutes who will donate earnings to the Christmas fund of a police charity organization.

Other volunteer street salesmen will include District Attorney Stanley Myers, Chief of Police T. V. Jenkins and Circuit Judge W. A. Ekwahl.

## Co. Clerk Salary Law Is Sustained By Circuit Court

Friendly Suit Curtis  
Non Against Frank  
May, Appealed

FOUR INDICTMENTS

Grand Jury Returns  
Bills Against 2 Negroes  
and Adjourns

Christmas Eve will see the Goynes brothers on trial in a session of the Hempstead circuit court at Washington, on charges that may involve the death penalty.

In a special meeting of the grand jury Monday, Autrey Goynes was indicted for rape; and his brother, Vernie, was indicted for first degree murder.

The Goynes Cases  
The grand jury of which Judge Bush, Columbus, was foreman, returned evidence against Autrey Goynes, 23, accused him of criminally abusing the divorced wife of his brother, Vernie, who is in jail at Hope, charged with the attack and shooting of Jesse Campbell, a player of a local elite. Campbell and Vernie Goynes was held for trial.

Two other indictments were returned by the grand jury, which adjourned Tuesday. T. T. Bass, negro, was indicted for forgery and uttering, and Philip Morris, another negro, was ordered to stand trial for manufacturing liquor.

The Bass negro pleaded guilty before Judge Dexter Bush and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary on each count. Bass was charged with raising a mob roll order of the Hope Lumber company when present in it to a Hope store.

The Morris trial will be set at a later date, Judge Bush announced.

Sustain Salary Law  
In a brief session of the circuit court Judge Bush sustained the 1928 county clerk's salary law. A friendly suit brought by Curtis Cannon against County Clerk Frank May attacked the validity of the 1928 law. Judge Bush overruled the complaint.

Mr. Cannon announced that an appeal would be taken to the Arkansas Supreme Court, and that he expected the case to be orally argued before the high court January 12.

Athlete Victim of  
Hunting Accident

Cornelius Patterson Dies  
at Arkadelphia From  
Wound in Leg

ARKADELPHIA.—Cornelius Patterson, 23, wounded while hunting on December 13, died in a hospital at 1:30 Sunday morning.

Young Patterson, a student at Ouachita college in 1928 and 1929, and member of the varsity football team, was hunting quail with two companions and the trio had stopped to rest. A bird dog burst against his shot gun, knocking it down. The gun was discharged and the shot entered his right leg just below the knee, splitting the bone. The wound was considered dangerous but



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## The Star's Platform

### CITY

Develop the resources of the municipal power plant to develop the city and social resources of Hope.  
 Improve the sewerage in 1937 and improved sanitary conditions in the city and business back-wards.

Support the Chamber of Commerce.  
 County highway program providing for the construction of a certain amount of all-weather road each year, to gradually reduce the total mileage.

Political and economic support for every scientific agricultural experiment which offers practical benefits to Hempstead county growers.  
 Encourage farmer organizations, believing that co-operative efforts are practical in the country as it is in town.

### STATE

Continued progress on the state highway program.  
 Business tax reform, and a more efficient government through a budget system of expenditures.  
 Free Arkansas from the cattle tick.

## Urges Home-Building Program

The United States can make great strides toward good homes by building homes for working people, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, believes.

A nationwide cooperative movement to construct dwellings for workers, now living in slums, would be such a powerful stimulant to business that its effects would be felt everywhere, the labor leader says. "Hundreds of thousands of laboring people," he declares in an article in The North American Review, are forced to put up with living quarters that are far from suitable for family life—and they would have an opportunity to move into better houses and apartments if the costs were properly scaled down.

Mass production, Mr. Green pointed out, has made it possible for thousands of wage earners to own their own automobiles. He expressed the hope that measures would be taken to reduce the cost of home building as the price of automobiles has been reduced.

There is nothing more important in forming the character of the American people than the homes where our boys and girls grow up," Mr. Green asserted. "Home surroundings help to mold the moral fibre that it to measure up in the tests of later years, or to start the physical and mental defects which later on bring downfall."

A program of home building at this time, Mr. Green pointed out, would help to increase employment, to stimulate recovery and to keep business on an even keel. "As workers get better employed," he explained, "better homes will be built for them. The problem of good homes for workers is one of the most fundamental in the future growth of our country."—Hot Springs New Era.

## An Unsolved Problem

After a good many months now since the horrible fire in the Ohio penitentiary which took 320 lives. Likewise those prison disturbances have receded into the background, and the public's attention, focused on prison problems by those tragedies, has already passed on to other matters.

Nevertheless, now is a good time to remind ourselves that our prison problem is just as pressing as it was when those outbreaks were happening; and a resolution adopted by the recent session of the American Prison Congress—broadcast in a bulletin by the Society of Penal Information—contains some material that ought to be widely read and discussed.

After pointing out that most prison riots are not "riots" at all, but are merely the desperate efforts of a very small group of men to break loose to freedom, the resolution goes on to discuss the causes of prison troubles.

"Overcrowding in prisons," it says, "is a direct result of public indifference and its consequent parsimony. Prison building has not kept pace with the rapid increase in prison population. The old badly-ventilated, unsanitary vault-like cells, well described as 'human filing cabinets,' have been bulging with two or three prisoners in a space unfit for one human being."

When it discusses the effect of severe legislation:

"Excessively severe sentences in some jurisdictions, and unjust restrictions as to rewards for good conduct and earned release, have further aggravated the difficulties of prison administration. Loss of hope has, in many states, been the most evident results of unwise laws that hamper prison administrators and parole boards. Without hope of release, the major incentive to good conduct and reformation is lost."

The resolution then points out that the idleness under which most convicts live is a big factor in creating discontent and unrest, and asserts that vocational training and educational programs are absolutely essential elements in any modern penal program. It adds, furthermore, that a prison, more than any other institution, demands a strong physical and moral program, remarking that "neglect of this phase of prison life cannot be condoned."

It is evident, then, that our prison problem needs a great deal of attention. If we do not attend to it, we shall have a recurrence of those outbreaks that were so distressing a short time ago.

## New Deals in Government

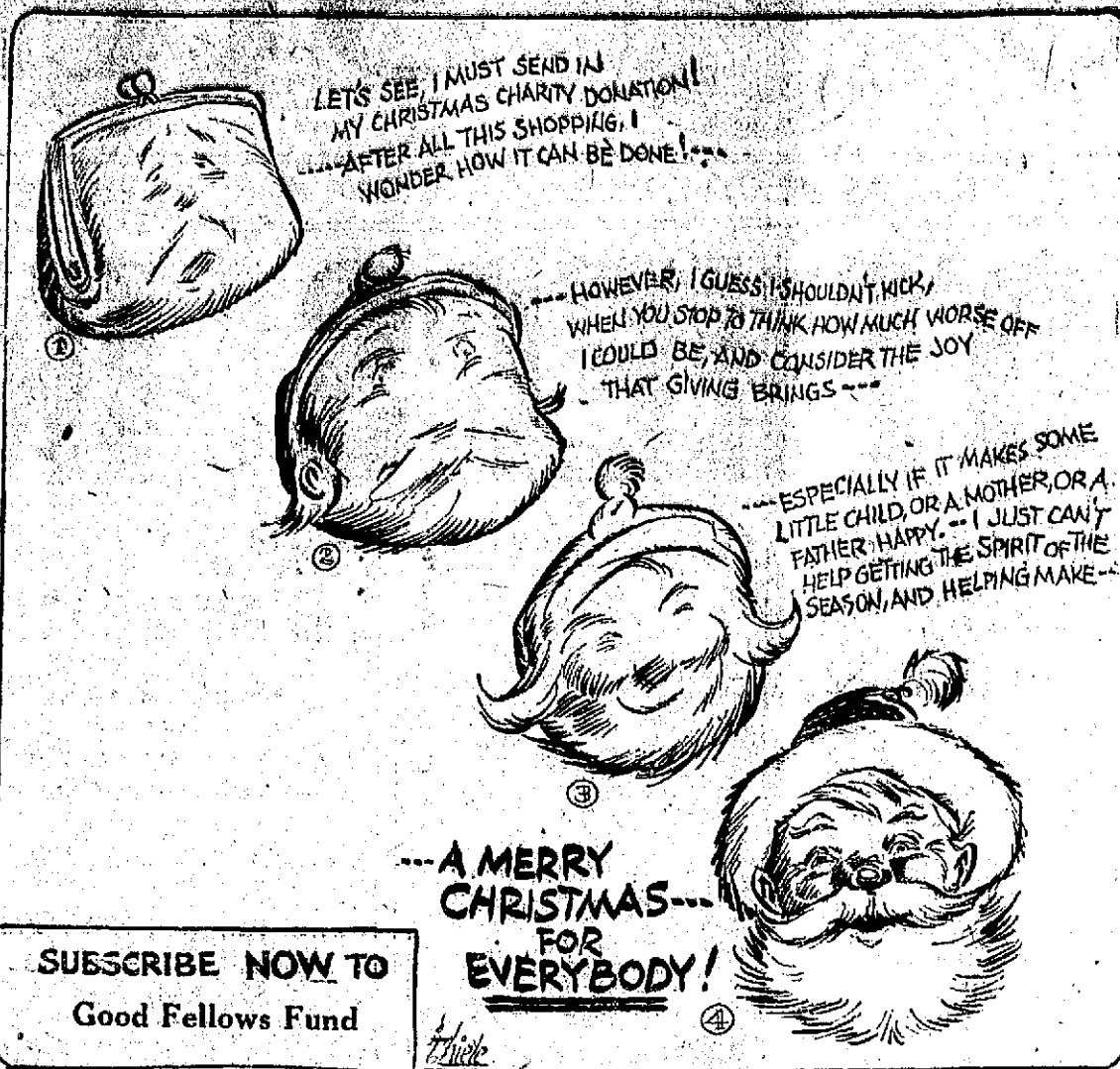
BOTH Arkansas and Texas have proposals pending for reorganization of the state government. The plans contemplate shorter ballots with fewer elected officials, concentration of authority and responsibility, and reduced costs.

In Arkansas the proposals are the result of an exhaustive survey made by specialists with no axes to grind, no politics to play, no expectation of political preferment. The survey was made at the request of Governor Parnell. In Texas the proposals came from Governor Moody, who has had opportunity to observe the shortcomings of the existing system.

Modern business has developed highly efficient organizations that function effectively and economically. There has been lacking, however, an efficient application of business methods in governmental affairs. Instead of injecting business methods into government, the tendency has been to let government invade business realms.

The proposed plans may not be the best that could be devised, but the fact that changes are being considered is a good sign. Nobody, not even state officials themselves, are satisfied with existing conditions. There is plenty of room for improvement. It is a matter to which every citizen should give considerable thought.

## A Christmas Charity Evolution!



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BY RODNEY DUTCHER

NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—Senator George

W. Norris of Nebraska is willing to lay aside considerations of personal pride in the famous "lame duck" amendment for which he has fought these last 10 years if that will help get "lame duck" legislation through this session of Congress.

The Norris constitutional amendment, as passed by the Senate in 1928—before the famous Norris bill to Smith—as the "amendment Norris resolution," ends the terms of president and vice president on Jan. 24 and of senators and representatives on Jan. 4. Congress would meet at least once a year, convening on Jan. 4. If a president is not chosen before the new presidential term begins or if the president-elect fails to qualify, then the vice president-elect becomes president until the president-elect has qualified. Congress is empowered to make a law covering any case where a president and vice president-elect fail to qualify.

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members cannot sit in regular session until 13 months after election.

This session has an unusually large contingent of defeated members in both houses and Gifford says probably 90 per cent of editorial comment in the country now favors eliminating the "lame duck" session.

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Passaic, N. J., has opened a street paved with rubber. Just to be able to say, perhaps, that it stretches for miles.

It was only a fitting climax that Notre Dame should beat the U. S. C. after rambling over the U. S. A.

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## Tiger Wins Terrific Battle With Python

BOMBAY—(U.P.)—Kings of their kind tigers and pythons rarely do battle, but when they do it's a good one. Such a titanic encounter occurred at Johore recently. When the teller of the tale arrived on the scene he found a huge python, just killed, on

## Political Announcements

The Star is authorized to make the following announcements of candidacies subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

### CITY ELECTION

(January 27, 1937)

For Mayor  
 DORSEY MORAIS  
 J. L. JAMISON  
 R. A. (RUFF) BOYETT

For Alderman  
 ROY JOHNSON (Ward 3)

the edge of a clearing. The ground was beaten flat, while the tiger's fur was everywhere.

The snake measured 28 feet, 9 inches and in girth at the thickest part was nearly three feet. The skin was disfigured all over by the marks of tiger claws. Its body was left where it lay, but later the tiger dragged it some 200 yards into the jungle and half ate it.

## PUFFY



Our hero's home for Christmas and the barnyard is agog. It's a most exciting moment in the life of Father Hog. "My boy," he says, "I'm proud of you. I knew you'd reach the top. Oh, yes," says Puffy, "I went there, but I didn't have time to stop."

## Daily Cross-Word Puzzle

Solution of yesterday's puzzle



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# Murder at Bridge

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ANNE AUSTIN author of "THE BLACK DOON", "THE AVENGING PARROT", "MURDER BACKSTAIRS"

BEGIN HERE TODAY

JUANITA SELIM is murdered at bridge. Possible suspects include LYDIA CARL, the maid; DUNDIE DUNDIE, the janitor; and JIMMY MARSHALL, the landlady. To whom she paid no rent; FLORENCE BEALE and OLIVE HAMMOND, in the solution together at the time of the murder; FLORENCE BEALE, JANET RAYMOND and RALPH HAMMOND.

Florence Selim admits she was in Nita's closet reading a note which she thinks is from her husband, TRACY, but which is really from Sprague, Ralph Hammond, engaged to Nita, finds out that Sprague is her lover, but his statement that he spent the night at a cheap hotel trying to "drink it off" and his innocence of Nita's death, asked the next morning seem to clear him.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR DUNDIE is interested in finding out who paid Nita \$1000 since her arrival in Hamilton. At the request, most of the evidence is withheld, stress being laid on the theory that Nita was killed by a New York gangster. Lydia has arranged for Nita's cremation, as instructed, and is given permission to take from the house the velvet dress, 12 or 13 years old, which Nita chose for her wedding, and which Dundee suspects is a wedding dress. Dundee intends to take the pictures of the body in the morgue to the district attorney's office for autopsies, Lydia says she doesn't know where Nita kept it.

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"I SAID I don't know where she kept her jewelry," Lydia retorted harshly. "It wasn't worth much—not a hundred dollars altogether, I'll be bound, because Nita sold her last diamond set a week before we left New York. She owed so many bills then that the money she got for directing that play at the Forsyth Schöpl hardly made a dent on them."

"Do you know whether the jewelry was in the house or in a safe deposit box?" Dundee asked, excitement sharpening his voice.

"It must have been in the house, because she wore the different pieces any time she pleased," the maid answered. "I didn't ask no questions, and I didn't happen to see her get it or put it away. I didn't ever do much lady's maid work for her, like dressing her and fixing her hair—just kept her clothes and the house in order, and did what little cooking there was to do."

"Her dressing table?" Dundee prodded. "Her desk?"

The maid shook her head. "I was always straightening up the drawers in both her dressing table and her desk, and she didn't keep the jewelry there."

"Captain Strawn, when you searched the dressing table and desk for the gun or anything of importance, did you have any reason to suspect a secret drawer in either of them?"

"No, Bonnie. They're just ordinary factory furniture. I tapped around for a secret drawer, of course, but there wasn't even any place for one." Strawn answered, with an indulgent grin.

"I want to see Penny Crain!" Dundee cried, making for the door. "Then you'd better come along to the courthouse with me," Sanderson called after him. "I sent her back to the office as soon as the inquest was adjourned."

The two men passed through the now deserted morgue chapel and almost bumped into a middle-aged man, obviously of the laboring

class, in spite of his slicked-up Sunday appearance.

"You're the district attorney, ain't you, sir?" he addressed Sanderson in a nervous, halting undertone.

"Yes. What is it?"

"I come to the inquest to give some information, sir, but it was adjourned so quick I didn't have time."

"Who are you?" Sanderson interrupted impatiently.

"I'm Rawlins, sir. I worked for the poor lady, Mrs. Selim—gardening one day a week."

"COME to my office!" Sanderson commanded quickly, as a lingering reporter approached on a run. "No, no! I'm sorry, Harper," he said hastily, cutting into the reporter's questions. "Nothing new! You may say that the police have thrown out a dragnet—and he gripped at the title phrase—"for the gunman who killed Mrs. Selim, and will offer a reward for the recovery of the weapon—a Colt's .32 equipped with a Maxim silencer. . . . Come along, George, and I'll explain just what Mrs. Sanderson and I have in mind."

The district attorney and Dundee strode quickly away, and the man, Rawlins, after a moment of indecision, trotted after them.

"I don't understand, sir, and my name ain't George. It's Elmer."

"You don't have to understand anything, except that you're not to answer any question that any reporter asks you," Sanderson retorted.

When the trio entered the reception room of the district attorney's suite in the courthouse, Sanderson paused at Penny Crain's desk:

"Bring in your notebook, Penny. This man has some information he considers important."

A minute later Sanderson had begun to question his voluntary but highly nervous witness.

"Your name?"

"It's Elmer Rawlins, like I told you, sir," the man protested, and flinched as Penny recorded his words in swift shorthand. "It was my wife as made me come. She said as long as me and her knowed I didn't do nothing wrong, I'd oughta come forward and tell what I knowed."

"Yes, yes!" Sanderson encouraged him impatiently. "You say you worked for Mrs. Selim as gardener one day a week—"

"Yes, sir, but I tended to her hot water and her garbage, too—twice a day it was I had to go and stoke the little laundry heater that heats the hot water tank in summertime when the steam furnace ain't being used. I live about a mile beyond the Crain place, that is, the house the poor lady was killed in—"

"Did you come to stoke the laundry heater Saturday evening?" Dundee interrupted. "Excuse me, sir," he turned to the district attorney, "but this is the first time I've seen this man."

"No, sir, I didn't stoke it Saturday night," Rawlins answered uneasily. "You see, I was comin' up the road to do my chores at half-past six, like I always do, but before I got to the house I seen a lot of police men's cars and motorcycles, and I didn't want to get mixed up in nothing, so I turned around and

went home again. I didn't know what was up, but when me and the wife went into Hamilton Saturday night in our river we seen one of the ex-tries and read about how the poor lady was murdered. But that ain't what I was gettin' at, sir—"

"WELL, what are you getting at?" Sanderson urged.

"Well, the extry said the police had found some footprints under the front-most of them two side windows to Mrs. Selim's bedroom, and went on to talk about the rose vines being tore, and straight off I said to the missus, 'Them's my footprints, Minnie!—Minnie's my wife's name—'

"Your footprints!" Sanderson ejaculated, then shook with silent laughter. "There goes Strawn's case, Bonnie!" But immediately he was serious again, as the import of this new evidence came to him. "Tell us all about it, Rawlins. . . . When did you make those footprints?"

"Friday, sir. That's the day I gardened for Mrs. Selim. . . . You see, sir, the poor little lady told me she was kept awake nights when there was a high wind, by the rose vines tapping against the windows. Says she, 'I think they's somebody tryin' to get into my room, Elmer, and I could see the poor little thing was mighty nervous anyway, so I didn't waste no time. I cut away a lot of the rose vine and burned it when I was burnin' the garbage and papers in the 'generator out back.'"

"Is that all, Rawlins?" Sanderson asked.

"Dout nil that 'mounts to anything," the laborer deprecated. "But they was somethin' else that struck me as a little funny, when I come to think of it—"

"Well?" Sanderson prodded, as the man halted uncertainly.

"Well, it's like I told you, it was my job to burn the papers. That scarp-face maid of Mrs. Selim's put everything—garbage and trash—in a big garbage can outside the back door, and I burnt 'em up. So I was kinder surprised Saturday mornin' when I went to stoke up the laundry heater, to find somebody'd been meddlin' with my drafts and had let the fire go clean out. I had to clean out the ashes and build a new fire—"

"You're trying to say, I suppose, that you could tell by the ashes that someone had been burning papers in the laundry heater?" Sanderson asked, with a quick glance at Dundee's tense face.

"That's right, sir," Rawlins agreed eagerly. "You know what kind of ashes a mess o' paper leaves—layers of white ashes, sir, that kinder looks like papers yit."

"Yes, I know. . . . And you found layers of white ashes, which you took particular pains to clean out?" Sanderson asked bitterly.

"Yes, sir. So's I could build a new fire—"

"Did you speak to the maid—ask her if she'd been meddling with your drafts?"

"Yes, sir, I did!" the man answered with a trace of belligerence. "She said she didn't open no dampers, claimed the heater was the same as usual when she left Friday night to go to a movie. So I reckon it was the poor lady herself, burnin' up love letters, maybe,

or some such track—"

"You're to keep your 'reckline' to yourself, Rawlins," Sanderson cut in emphatically. "Remember, now, you're not to tell anybody else what you've just told me. . . . If that's all, you can go now, and I'm much obliged to you. Leave your address with the young lady here. You'll be needed later, of course."

THE relieved man hurried out of the room on Penny's heels. Sanderson shrugged, then, when the door had closed, began heavily:

"It looks like you're right, Bonnie, about that blackmail business. Of course it all fits in with your theory that Nita had made up her mind to reform, marry Ralph Hammond, and be a very good girl indeed. . . . All right! You can have Penny in now. I think I know pretty well what you're going to ask her. And I may as well tell you that when Roger Crain skipped town with some securities he was known to possess, he hadn't got them from a safe deposit box, because he didn't have one." Sanderson pressed a button on the edge of his desk. . . .

Dundee was flushing as he put his question to the district attorney's private secretary:

"Penny, do you know whether there is a concealed safe in the Selim house?"

The girl, startled, began to shake her head, then checked herself. "Not that I ever saw, or knew of when Dad and Mother and I lived there, but—" She hesitated, her cheeks turning scarlet.

"Out with it, Penny!" Sanderson urged, his voice very kind.

"It's just that, if you really think there's a secret hiding place in the house, I believe I understand something that puzzled me when it happened," Penny confessed, her head high. "I was at the Country Club one



a "poor picker." The idea originated with R. T. Coe. Each week he and three others picked football results. The worst forecaster in the quarterback was fined by order of a vast assembly of fans.



